

SERIES TITLE: Becoming More Like Jesus

PART SEVEN: SEEKING THE LOST LIKE JESUS

TEXT: LUKE 19:1-10

INTRODUCTION.

At this very moment, if your faith is in Christ alone, God is at work shaping you into the image of his Son (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18). One day, in God's presence, you will be fully like him (1 John 3:2). Until that day of perfection, your growth in Christ-likeness won't happen accidentally. It takes intentionality. Through this seven-week study in Luke's Gospel, we are pursuing this together as an assembly of God's people.

DISCUSSION.

Who is the most famous person you have seen up close?

EXAMINATION.

19:1-4

What do you think caused Zacchaeus to want to see who Jesus was?

How can you tell Zacchaeus was really motivated to see Jesus?

19:5-7

What is remarkable about each of the reactions of the characters here?

- Jesus to Zacchaeus
- Zacchaeus to Jesus
- All the people

Based upon what you see in this passage, how were the people defining "sinner"?

19:8-10

When Zacchaeus makes his announcement, what do you believe this indicates?

In what way has "salvation come to this house"?

How does Jesus' declaration inform us of his mission?

APPLICATION.

- What types of people do you honestly feel are beyond saving, and why?
- Is there a limit to the amount of time a truly spiritual person should spend with “sinful” people? Why or why not?
- How many lost people are you connected to in life? Name them.
- What could you do this week to actively point them to Jesus?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?